

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
January 7, 2005 1 - 4 PM CST / 12-3 PM MST

DDN – Sioux Falls, Spearfish, Winner, Rapid City, Timber Lake, Aberdeen, Pierre

Members Present:

Stephanie Krusemark, Casey Murschel, Carroll Forsch, Sandi Carstensen, Roz Goodwin, Anne Reddy, Erin Horstmeyer, Monica Mayer, Donna Olivier, Karla Schlosser, Judy Hoscheid.

Members Absent:

DiVina Baker, David Calhoon, Barb Hemmelman, Byron Petersen, Janet Ricketts.

Others Present:

Sherrie Fines, Crystal Goeden, Jan Elsing, Julie Miller, Terry Disburg.

Call to Order:

Donna Olivier called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2004 meeting was made by Stephanie Krusemark, seconded by Karla Schlosser. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

An addition to the agenda under new business was requested by Monica Mayer to address concerns regarding child count cut off date. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Judy Hoscheid, seconded by Sandi Carstensen. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Revision of Administrative Rules

The Department of Education management team determined that the department would file both Financial Matters Chapter 24:14:04 rules as originally written, submitted, and recently approved by the State Board of Education and the Legislative Research Council. The approval process is complete and the rules have been officially published in the Administrative Rules of South Dakota. Key people who are directly affected by these new rules were notified via email, letter, and the DOE Administrative Memorandum newsletter. The added rules may be found at <http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/rules/2414.htm#24:14:04> the new rules are 24:14:04:12:01 and 02.

SICC membership

SICC membership is appointed by the Governor. The term of Monica Mayer which expired December 31, 2004 has been renewed. Sandi Carstensen with the Division of Insurance has been appointed to fill out the term of Kristi Klein. Barb Hemmelman with the Department of Health has been appointed to replace Nancy Hoyme. Erin Horstmeyer, parent, has been appointed to fill out the term of Misty Miller. Janet Ricketts has been appointed to be the Department of Education contact. Current membership list will be sent to each member on the council.

Primary Service Provider Training – January 20 & 21, 2005 - Holiday Inn – Sioux Falls

Robin McWilliam from Vanderbilt University Medical Center conducted a training last June on the primary service provider model and the provision of early intervention services in a natural environment to 85 participants. Dr. McWilliam will be presenting the same training January 20 – 21 in Sioux Falls. Ninety-five participants are signed up to attend. These trainings are sponsored by Birth to 3 Connections with funds from the State Improvement Grant.

Annual Performance Report (APR)

The APR is due to the federal office on March 31, 2005. We are still waiting for some updated data. A draft copy of the APR was handed out to each participant at the Pierre site during the October 15, 2004 meeting. Copies were also mailed to each member at the other sites right after that meeting. When all the data is complete another copy of the APR will be mailed to each council member for final comment. It was moved by Casey Murschel and seconded by

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Roz Goodwin to have Donna Olivier, SICC Chairperson, sign the APR for the council when all comments have been addressed appropriately. Motion carried.

New Business:

Newborn Hearing Screening Program

Terry Disburg with the Department of Health and Medical Services Family Health program presented information on the Bright Start Newborn Hearing Screening project. All newborns are screened for hearing prior to their dismissal from the hospital. The Electronic Vital Records Screening System (EVRSS) permits timely tracking and follow-up of newborns as they go from this initial hearing screening to a possible re-screen, a Primary Care Provider evaluation, and an appointment with a diagnostic audiologist. Once a child has been identified with a hearing loss, a referral to Birth to 3 Connections is made. The goal of the screening program is to have a child identified as early as possible, but no later than six months of age. 86% of all newborn screens are done prior to dismissal from the hospital. 91% are completed by 1 month of age. Barriers that surface in obtaining 100% screening rate are related to family's moving without notice or children's names being changed, etc. There are seven diagnostic audiologists located within South Dakota who can do hearing evaluations on very young children. Hearing screening is not mandated in South Dakota like the metabolic screening procedures are, however the hearing screening program has been well received by local birthing hospital staff and clients. An advisory board with wide representation from parents, doctors, and nurses oversees the program. Please contact your local hospital to find out the local specifics regarding this program or call Terry at 773-4476 (website www.state.sd.us/doh/Hearing/index.htm)

CHIP Program

Julie Miller with the Department of Social Services Economic Assistance Program presented information about CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program). CHIP provides free medical coverage to children under age 19 (up to age 21 for foster children) who have family income at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level, and meet certain other non-financial criteria, such as state residency and citizenship. CHIP acts as a child's insurance company and pays for medical services such as physician care, hospital care, vision care, dental care, prescription drugs, health screenings, chiropractic care, mental health care, and other medical services. The program is financed jointly by State and Federal Government and is managed by the South Dakota Department of Social Services. CHIP and Medicaid is one and the same program for children. The Federal/State Match for Medicaid (Title 19) is approximately 70% Federal vs. 30% state funds. The Federal/State Match for CHIP (Title 21) is approximately 80% Federal vs. 20% state funds. All applications are processed no later than 45 days from the date the application is received by the Department of Social Services. Under certain conditions coverage may be retroactive up to three months prior to the receipt of the application, if eligibility requirements are met. Continuation of eligibility is looked at once per year or upon significant changes to the family situation. Birth to 3 Connections shares information about CHIP with families, but application and eligibility is between the family and the DSS Benefit Specialist. The number of eligible children in December 2004 was 65,434 (10,454 Title XXI and 54,980 Title XIX). This is an increase of 30,544 more children receiving medical assistance since the implementation of CHIP in 1998. If you would like further information please contact the Division of Economic Assistance at 773-4678.

Another resource for families is the South Dakota Risk Pool. For additional information contact Sandi Carstensen with the Division of Insurance at 773-5771 regarding the risk pool or visit their website at <http://www.state.sd.us/bop/RiskPool.htm>

Child Find Data for 2004

The preliminary number of children served on active IFSPs as of December 1, 2004 is 897. Final number is scheduled to be submitted to the Federal office in February. This is an 8% increase from last year. Of those 897, 97 are under age one, 287 are between age one and two and 513 are between age two and three. The number of children who are prolonged assistance is 286 which is about 32% of the total served.

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Child Count Concern Voiced by Monica Mayer

The cut off date for child count purposes is December 1 of each year. A snapshot of the number of children on active IFSPs is taken on that day as required by the Federal office. This year the Northwest Area Schools Multi-District/Education Cooperative (NWS) Birth to 3 Connections program requested a waiver of that policy for two children who missed the deadline. Reasons cited related to Service Coordinator's unavoidable difficulty contacting the two families in question. The State Birth to 3 Connections program uses the December 1st cut off date for the number of active children when calculating the funding formula for local applicants for the following year; for example the December 1, 2004 child count figure will be used to calculate the amount of money a local applicant will receive for July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. This request was not only reviewed by the Birth to 3 Connections but also others in the Department of Education. The State Interagency Coordinating Council was asked to provide their advice to the Birth to 3 Connections program regarding this matter. Discussion ensued and the end result was that the SICC concurred with the decision. The ramifications of other local programs that run into similar situations each year would set a precedent that would be confusing to everyone. It is with regret that this request could not be granted although the hard work and dedication of the NWS Birth to 3 Connections program was acknowledged and appreciated.

Next SICC Meeting:

The next meeting of the SICC is scheduled for April 20, 2005 from 10 – 1 Central and 9 -12 Mountain Time via DDN. Sites are confirmed for Rapid City, Pierre, Spearfish, Aberdeen. Sites for Sioux Falls, Winner, Isabel or Timber Lake are pending. On Wednesday, July 13, 2005 will be a face to face meeting at the Ramkota Hotel in Pierre, more details will follow.

Meeting Adjourned:

At 3 PM all items on the agenda were addressed. It was moved by Karla Schlosser and seconded by Stephanie Krusemark to adjourn. Motion carried.